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Applicant: GILL Examiner: Miller, B.

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Title: APPARATUS FOR EXTENDED SELF-PINNED LAYER FOR A

CURRENT PERPENDICULAR TO PLANE HEAD

AMENDMENT UNDER EX PARTE QUAYLE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action dated November 28, 2006, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.